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Hon. Ruth V. McGregor, Chief Justice
Arizona Supreme Court
1501 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**Re: Addendum to "Plan for Alternative Juror Summoning Procedures"**

Dear Chief Justice McGregor:

This letter is submitted as an addendum to the Maricopa County Superior Court alternative juror summoning plan, based on the plan review conducted by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).

We have reviewed the NCSC report and are in agreement with each of the three proposed recommendations. Specifically, the court formally incorporates the following provisions into the previously submitted plan:

- The court will review the Zip Codes assigned to each PWS Zone annually to reflect any changes implemented by the U.S. Postal Service as well as any relevant traffic flow considerations.
- The court will review at least quarterly the demographic characteristics of the jury pools at each court location and make adjustments to the summoning matrix in an effort to maintain optimal demographic representation based on race, ethnicity, and gender.
- The court will review at least quarterly the demand for jurors by each court location and make adjustments as necessary to equalize to the greatest extent possible the probability of selection across PWS Zones.

- In addition to incorporating the above, the court will seek confirmation or comment from an independent third party expert regarding each review before implementing or changing the summoning matrix.

Each of the recommendations provided by the authors of the NCSC report will serve to further fortify our goals previously mentioned in our PWS plan. We look forward to the June 19th Arizona Judicial Council meeting to address questions, comments or suggestions in this regard.

Sincerely,



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Court Administrator/Jury Commissioner

cc: Hon. Barbara R. Mundell, Presiding Judge
Hon. Norman J. Davis, Associate Presiding Judge
Hon. Janet Barton, Chair, Jury Management and Public Relations Committee
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